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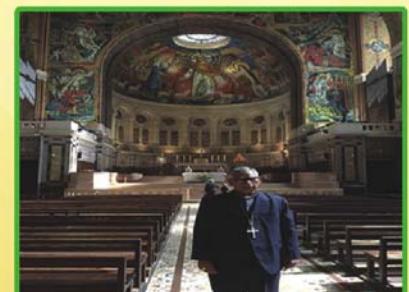
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AD LIMINA VISIT-2019



OUR ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT TO FRANCE



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October 2019

Evangelization: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the church.

**ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE****Baptized and Sent****1. Extraordinary Month of Mission**

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world... that the world might be saved through him” (Jn 3: 16-17). God, the Father is the source of the mission. He sent his Son into the world to be the unique saviour of the humankind.

The saving mission of the Son is to be continued in the world. “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (Jn 20.21) “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation” (Mk 16:15). Jesus has sent the apostles into the world, in his name and with the power of the Holy Spirit (cf Acts 1:8) to proclaim the gospel and to continue his saving mission.

“The Pilgrim Church is **missionary** by her very nature” (Ad Gentes No.2). The Church exists in order to evangelize. **Evangelization** is the vocation proper to the Church (cf. Evangelii Nuntiandi No. 14). By the gift and grace of baptism, every Christian is a missionary. A Missionary is one who is **baptized** and **sent forth** with the message of the gospel.

Maximum Illud, the Apostolic letter of Pope Benedict XV, given in 1919, is the most important papal document on the mission of the Church. In it the Pope clearly points out that evangelization is the most important work of the Church. In order to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Maximum Illud, Pope Francis has proclaimed an **Extraordinary month of Mission** for October 2019, under the theme: “**Baptized and Sent: the Church of Christ on mission in the world**”. The Pope emphasizes on the personal missionary vocation of each and every Christian and greatly exhorts that every baptized person should devote himself/herself to the most important work of evangelization.

It is a happy co-incidence that on the first day of October we celebrate the feast of **St. Therese of Child Jesus**, the patroness of the mission and on the third Sunday of October we have the **Mission Sunday**. St. Therese of Child Jesus had an ardent desire for the salvation of souls. Through her prayers and penances, she has saved the soul of Pranzini, condemned to death for his criminal activities. She has said: “I have come to the Carmel **to save the souls**, and above all to pray for the priests” who, in her view, are missionaries par excellence.

St. Francis Xavier the patron of the mission, spent many years in our country and devoted himself for the proclamation of the gospel. He preached the gospel both by word and deed. He taught the children the basic prayers of the Catholic Church and the rudiments of the Christian faith. In the year 1545, St. Francis Xavier, on his way from Tutucorin to Mylapore, spent few weeks in **Uppalam, Pondicherry**, and proclaimed the gospel message to our ancestors.

Both in the life of St. Francis Xavier and in that of St. Therese of child Jesus, **prayer** was the soul of their mission. Both these great **Missionary Saints** added penances and sacrifices to their prayer life. On mission Sunday, the Parish Priests are asked to exhort the people **to pray** for the mission of the church, for all the missionaries in the world and to generously contribute for the missionary activities of the church.

Let us all become deeply aware of our missionary vocation and dedicate ourselves to the most sacred work of evangelization. Nothing is **more essential**, nothing is **more important**, nothing is **more urgent** than the great work of evangelization.

Mary, our beloved mother, is the first one to hear the gospel; she is the first one to receive the gospel; she is the first one to proclaim the gospel. She is the first missionary and model missionary. **With Mary** and **like Mary**, assisted by the powerful intercession of St. Francis Xavier and St. Therese of Child Jesus, let us carry the Lord Jesus into the hearts of the people and bring the people to the feet of Christ.

2. Ad Limina Visit

i. From 3rd to 10th September 2019, I was in **France**, at our MEP House. I visited Fr. Michael John and Fr. Yesuraj. I celebrated mass in the parish of Fr. Michael John on 5th September.

- On 7th September I celebrated mass in Tamil at Montereau for our Tamil Catholics. On the same day evening I celebrated Tamil mass for our Tamil Catholics in the city of Paris. We celebrated the feast of our Lady of Velankanni.
- On 8th September we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Velankanni at the Cathedral of Meau both in Tamil and French. Most Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius, the Bishop of Dharmapuri, preached the Homily both in French and Tamil.
- On 9th September I visited the Cathedral of Sens, the birth place of the Servant of God, Very Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis, MEP. There I prayed in a special way for our dear Immaculate Sisters and for beatification process of very Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis, MEP. On the same day evening, I visited the Co-cathedral of Auxerre, where the Archbishop of Sens-Auxerre resides. I greatly appreciate the hospitality of our Immaculate Sisters at Sens and at Auxerre.

- On the 10th September I visited Lisieux, offered mass at the Basilica of St. Therese of the Child Jesus and prayed for the mission of the Church.

ii. From 11th to 18th September I was in **Rome**, for the Ad Limina visit. We, the Latin Bishops of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Andra and Telungana (54) formed a big group.

We celebrated mass at the tomb of St. Peter, Basilica of St. Peter, at the Basilicas of St. Paul. Outside the wall, of St. John Lateran and of Mary Major (four major Basilica) and prayed for our Archdiocese in a special way.

Visit to the Congregation:

As part of our Ad Limina Visit, we made visit to the congregations. We met the Prefect, the Secretary and other personnel of the Congregations and discussed some relevant matters pertaining to each Congregation.

- Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments.
- Congregation for Doctrine of Faith
- Congregation for the Clergy
- Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated life
- Congregation for the Evangelization of People
- Congregation for Catholic Education
- Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

- Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life
- Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue
- Pontifical Council for Legislative texts

On Tuesday 16th September 2019, we had **Audience with the Holy Father**. We were 54 Bishops from South India.

- Before the meeting each bishop had an opportunity of greeting the Holy Father for a minute, to offer shawl etc. and to have photos with him. I offered prayerful wishes to the Holy Father in the name of the Clergy, the Religious and the Laity and other people of our Archdiocese and requested him to bless us all in a special way. I offered him a shawl. I told him that we are praying for him in a special way every day. The Holy Father blessed us all in a special way.
- During the meeting, the Holy Father expressed his joy in meeting the Latin Bishops of South India. Two Bishops from each Region (State) spoke, giving informations about the Dioceses, the socio-political situations. Archbishop George Antonisamy of Madras-Mylapore and I spoke on behalf of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. We spoke in English and a Monsignor translated it to Italian. The Holy Father always spoke in Italian. It was translated into English. The Holy Father in his special message to the Bishops and the priests said:

The Bishops and the Priests should remain **close to God** by deep prayer life and **close to the faithful** by our availability, approachability and dedicated pastoral ministries. We invited the Holy Father to visit our country India. The meeting concluded with Angelus and with the Apostolic Blessing to the Bishops. The Holy Father is much appreciated for his simplicity, availability and approachability.

- After the meeting, we had region-wise photo with the Holy Father.

On Sunday, 15th September I visited Assisi and offered mass at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and prayed for you all in a special way.

iii. From 19th to 25th September, I was in **Germany.**

- I visited the Benefactors who have been financially helping Ooty Diocese and our Archdiocese for the past many years.
- On Sunday 22nd September, I offered Holy Mass at Burgau, BAVARIA, where I worked as substitute Parish Priest in 1978 and in 1979.
- On 25th September, I visited Fr. S. Napoleon and offered mass in his parish.

iv. We have received much from Rome. Let us continue to pray for the Holy Father and for the Universal Church, in a special way.

- We owe very much to the **MEP**, to the church in France. All that we are, all we have, we have received from God through our MEP Missionaries. let us all pray in a special way for the MEP Society and for the church in France and for the country.
- We have also received much from Germany. Let us continue to pray for Germany and the church in Germany.

3. A New Saint from India

Blessed Mariam Theresia Chiramel, the foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Congregation of the Sister of the Holy Family (Kerala) is going to be canonized an 13th October 2019. We thank God for the Saint from India.

4. Third Synod of Pondicherry: Fullness of life in Christ Jesus

As already announced, the Third Synod of Pondicherry will be celebrated from 27th to 30th October 2019 at Pondicherry. Very Rev. Msgr. A. Arulanandam, the Convenor and Very Rev. Fr. A. J. Philomindoss, the Synodal Secretary, with the help of the members, of the Core Group Committee and the Steering Committee, have made elaborate preparations for this synod.

Sunday 27th October:

05.30 p.m. Holy Mass, Cathedral
07.00 p.m. Inaugural Function

Monday 28th October

07.00 a.m.	Holy Mass, Petit Seminaire Primary School
08.45 – 10.15 a.m.	I Session Priests – Religious
10.30 a.m. - 12.00	II Session Laity
12.00 – 01.30 p.m.	III Session Parishes
03.00 – 04.30 p.m.	IV Session Word of God – Sacraments
04.45 – 06.00 p.m.	V Session Evangelization
06.15 – 07.45 p.m.	VI Session Church – Casteism

Tuesday 29th October

07.00 a.m.	Holy Mass, Petit Seminaire Primary School
08.45 – 10.15 a.m.	VII Session Social Services
10.30 a.m. - 12.00	VIII Session Political Life
12.00 – 01.30 p.m.	IX Session Educational Services
03.00 – 04.30 p.m.	X Session Educational Institutions
04.45 – 06.00 p.m.	XI Session Financial, Temporal Administration
06.15 – 07.45 p.m.	XII Session Diocesan Administration

Wednesday 30th October

08.30 – 10.00 a.m.	Minutes of the Synodal Sessions
10.30 – 12.00 Noon	Synodal Proposals for Pastoral Plan
12.00 Noon	Thanks Giving Mass

Let us plan, prepare and pray for the success of this synod.

ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER - 2019

01	TUE	10.30 a.m.	Mass, DOS Teachers, St. Joseph's, Cuddalore-1
04	FRI	07.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, Kurusukuppam.
05	SAT	06.30 p.m.	Mass, Sacred Heart Convent, Chinnakalapet.
06	SUN	07.30 a.m.	Feast Mass, Muthailpet.
12	SAT	11.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass, AMSAM, Trichy.
13	SUN	07.30 a.m.	Feast Mass, Thattanchavady.
16	WED	10.00 a.m.	Jubilee Mass, Immaculate College, Pakkamudayanpet.
19	SAT	10.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass, Thennur
22	TUE	11.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, Pope John Paul II, College, Reddiyarpalayam.
26	SAT	11.00 a.m.	Feast Mass, PDDM Convent, S.H. Basilica, Pondicherry.

27 to 30**Archdiocesan Synod**

27	SUN	05.30 p.m.	Mass, Cathedral.
28	MON	07.00 a.m.	Mass, Petit Seminaire Primary School.
29	TUE	07.00 a.m.	Mass, Petit Seminaire Primary School.
30	WED	12.00 Noon	Mass, Petit Seminaire Primary School.

[sd] + Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar
Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore.

ARCHBISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

S.No.	Date	Particulars	Amount
1	04.09.19	PMSSS, Pondicherry	20000
2	"	Kolping Matric Hr.Sec.School, Periyakalapet	20000
3	"	SAMSSS, Vikravandi	5000
4	"	Faithful, Keezputhupet	3000
5	"	Sacred Heart Basilica, Pondicherry	30000
6	"	Well wisher, Ponds	100
7	"	Ariyankuppam Parish	10000
8	30.09.19	Hospice Convent, Pondicherry	10000
9	"	Association for Community Training, Mugaiyur	5000
Total as on 31.08.2019		103100	
Received up to 31.08.2019		36922634	
Grand Total		37025734	

[sd]+Most Rev. Dr. A. Anandarayar
Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore.

NECROLOGY**Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**

01-10-1974	Ambrose Samy
05-10-1968	Auffret. F., MEP
05-10-2009	Olivier. Y., MEP
06-10-1964	Geyres. P., MEP
07-10-1958	Anandu. R.M.
09-10-1963	Gaston. J.B., MEP
10-10-1952	Gayet. P., MEP
10-10-1974	Chinnappan. A
11-10-1971	Albert Lazare
14-10-1993	Mgr. Selvanather, V. S.
15-10-2018	Dussaigne, J., MEP

18-10-1986	Joseph Ethakuzhy
21-10-1959	Mezin. J., MEP
24-10-1968	Mgr. Colas. A.S., MEP
24-10-1985	Philip Tremaud. MEP
25-10-1955	Leblanc. A., MEP
27-10-1991	Vallabhanather

Surplus Mass Intentions received for the month of September - 2019

04.09.2019	Villianur Parish	1156 mass intentions
10.09.2019	Cuddalore OT Parish	83 mass intentions
13.09.2019	Sacred Heart Basilica, Parish	165 mass intentions

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Procurator**

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From the Desk of Vicars

A visionary becomes a missionary and looks herself or himself in the Christian Community. The Local Church needs to be always on the path of integral renewal of persons and structures the status give maintenance has no meaning for us.. Where there is will (HOLY SPIRIT) there is the way (CHRIST) for all, especially Christ's faithful.

Archbishop S. Michael Augustine wanted to have a Synod during his term, somehow it did not get materialized, but now the appointed time has come and our Archbishop Antony Anandarayar is privileged to have it in October 2019, a remarkable event in the Local Church. It would be better that we have once in five years the diocesan Synod to keep the diocese vibrant and relevant.

- ⌚ “To feel with the Church” is the will of God and the entire diocese needs to be awakened in this faith so that the church becomes a sign of the Risen Lord in the world today.
- ⌚ The clergy, the religious and the laity together they need to be built an one mystical body of Christ overcoming all the differences and converging into the double identity of him, unity (image of God) and Christianity (disciples of Jesus) and single mission of consecration either married or celibate.
- ⌚ The parish pastoral council and the finance committee become normal and steady with its rules and regulations approved by the Local Ordinary and followed by all.
- ⌚ The monitoring committee in the diocese will take care of its functioning and building as when required periodically.
- ⌚ Each parish or institution needs to have a corpus fund for ordinary maintenance without fail from 2019 onwards. The corpus fund receipts will be kept up in the diocese by the Financial Administrator.

⌚ As one of the oldest diocese we do not have a proper pastoral centres or retreat centre where Christ's faithful can gather for retreats and other needs. Soon a retreat - house can be built in Nainarmandapam by 2020. God will provide with what is needed for it.

⌚ Instead of multiplying the member of commissions with which are nominal, we could have two main commissions with full-time Secretary and Assistants.

- a. Human welfare commission for
 - + the sake of health
 - + the sake of education
 - + the sake of social service

- b. Christian welfare commission for
 - + the Christian life (Bible – Liturgy – Catechetics)
 - + the legal bodies – pastoral council, finance committee

- ⌚ With the spirit of the Risen Lord, we do not linger on caste considerations and different commission like SC/ST, OBC etc. We have to overcome and transcend all differences as Christians.
- ⌚ 2019 October end we have a good opportunity to meet together, to dialogue, to discuss, to

discern and then decide as the spirit inspires and carry on our ministry with a positive and proactive attitudes although it is very difficult to build the persons.

May we have the spirit of the Risen Lord than our own thinking and feeling which are connected with our individual and collective ego. The Risen Lord with us, need not be afraid of anything or anybody.

Msgr. A. Arulanandam

Vicar General

Msgr. A. Louis

Episcopal Vicar

Voice from Metropolitan Matrimonial Tribunal –108

COMMUNICATION IN FAMILY

The dictionary meaning of communication is the imparting or exchanging of information by speaking, writing, or using some other medium. However, when we talk about communication in the context of a family we dwell on verbal communication or the conversation aspect of communication.

The importance of communication whether it is in the corporate world or within the family can be seen from the following statements:

“Communication is the lifeblood of any relationship whether it be at home or on the job”.

“Without communication, there is no relationship.”

How true that is, isn’t it? If we don’t speak to a person for a long time we become strangers to each other.

One major area of breakdown in marriages and families today is communication. It can be a case of “poor communication” or “no communication.” The apostle Paul used the word corrupt to describe speech that has the power to tear people down, adults and children alike (Eph.4:29). He also stated that good communication is “necessary edification,” for it has the power to build people up.

Communication within the family is extremely important because it enables members to express their needs, wants, and concerns to each other. It is through communication that family members are able to resolve the unavoidable problems that exist in all families.

In speaking at various forums especially at the World Day of Communication, Pope Francis has said the following:

“Families must put their gadgets aside and re-engage in conversation.”

He goes further to say to the faithful, “go easy with your cell phones and social media in favor of face time. Today’s great challenge, he says, is to learn how to talk to each other, ‘not simply how to generate and consume information.’”

He also makes a significantly important and guiding statement, “the family is, and should be, a school of communication.”

How to improve communication in the family?

Conversation is the key to any strong relationship, but family communication is especially important. In our attempt

to get better at conversation within the family let us try implementing these simple steps...

1. Be available and encourage others to speak up: The life of an individual can be summed up in three O's – Over-worked, Over-committed and Over-scheduled. No doubt they are busy with their work, be it office work or household chores. Parents need to cut down the daily routine and set aside time to sit with the family and engage in communicating with each other. This may be in the form of conversation or a time of fun and laughter which will result in the kids (and parents too) putting aside their gadgets and be involved in the common activity. This will also help take away the humdrum of life and make it more interesting for the entire family, rather than engaging only in work, home and the responsibility of getting the children busy with their curricular activities.

2. Eat together for better togetherness: In addition to bringing everyone together for a wrap-up of the day's activities, use the family dinner table as an opportunity to share what's going on in their lives. However, we must take into account the reality of life today – work schedules, differing shifts times, coaching classes etc. If it is becoming difficult to meet on a daily basis efforts should be made to meet, maybe for one meal or week on a mutually suitable day. There may be a case where a particular member is genuinely not available at all, in that case those available should meet and later share what happened with the one who was absent. In any case make the dinner occasion an exciting one by getting the spouse and

children involved in setting up the dinner table. This will make them feel that their presence is important.

3. Arrange periodical picnics and outings with your family: Spending time with the family conveys to them that they matter and aren't getting lost in the hustle and bustle of a busy day or large family. Older teens might enjoy going out for a hamburger or a cup of tea or coffee at their favorite place. Younger children often enjoy going to the supermarket, especially when you let them select their favorite meal and special dessert. Respecting the choices and interests of the members of the family will encourage them to participate in family outings. Give them the opportunities to make suggestions in planning the outings. Why not go for a summer vacation even if you have to visit the same spot every year. Don't forget the older family members who live near you. Regular meetings among couples and meals with aging parents keep those relationships healthy, as well.

4. Talking v/s listening: When trying to improve any relationship, listening is far more important than talking, so when it comes to family communication, listen four times longer than you speak. Attack the problem not each other. Likewise, think twice about what you say before you say it. Sometimes a parent's first reaction is to rant and scream, especially to negative news. Do your best to avoid this, and if you do verbally explode before your child is finished, apologize quickly and assure him or her that you're now ready to listen. This will set an example for the children to do likewise when

they land in similar situations. Make time for healthy debates without losing your cool. This will give your children the freedom to express their point of view with confidence and without fear.

Good Communication occurs not only when we know what we want to say, but when we know the person to whom we speak. And to know one another requires a willingness to let others know our weaknesses and limitations.

5.Don't shy from using technology: Gone are those days when communication was restricted to letters and telegrams with family members residing or working overseas or in distant lands. Today, technology has advanced so much that it has become the way of life in the world. This technology can be used for the benefit of communication in families in the form of Skype, WhatsApp, Telephone to name a few.

This would be especially helpful to families that find keeping in touch more difficult as the kids grow up and move away. Or put your texting abilities to work to let your loved ones know you're thinking about them. No matter how distant they are, nothing can deter family communication with their loved ones. All you need is the desire to communicate.

6.Undertake family bonding activities: Music is one of the key notes to bring family members together. Create a time to sit together as a family and have a memorable time of music and song. This is one of the traditions that help in strengthening the family bonding. Tucking the kids into bed at night, setting

up a family movie night, attending religious services or creating special holiday treats are all examples of family traditions. Family members come to expect and appreciate these traditions, seeing them as opportunities to come together as a unit. If your family is short on traditions, there's no reason you can't start some now. Praying as a family inculcates the basics of faith in the children.

Maintaining positive family communications benefits your family in many ways. Children feel comfortable sharing their problems with parents, reducing the risk of peers having an undue influence on their lives. Parents remain connected and intimate with each other and their children, strengthening the family bonds. And all family members develop effective communication styles that can improve the quality of their relationships beyond the family home. Why not start talking today?

Ref: Francis from Mumbai is very active in the CCR, and was Vice Chairman of the National Service Team. (Charisindia, June 2019, pp.21-23)

Information: The 33rd Annual Canon Law Conference of India is to be held at Papal Seminary/JDV, Pune from Monday 14 to Friday 18, October 2019. Four of our canonists will participate in the conference. I will be away from the tribunal office. This is for your kind information. Thanking you.

Fr. S. Pascal Raj
Judicial Vicar

COMMISSIONS AND REPORTS

St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre

Madha T.V.

Dear Rev. Fathers, Madha T.V. is inviting the Priests who are interested in Preaching to take part in the T.V. Programme “அன்றாட அருள்வாக்கு”. The timing is for 15 minutes. We have to shoot the programme and send it in time. And we have to book the dates 50 days before. If some you are interested, kindly come forward, I shall make arrangements for everything and also give you the instructions regarding this programme.

Third Synod of Pondicherry 2019

Dear Rev. Fathers, I thank all the Parish Priests and Vicars Forain for your full co-operation. I have received the reports of all the 10 vicariates and with the help of the minutes committee, we consolidated them into our report of the diocese for the 12 sessions. Really you all have worked hard to get the opinions of the various categories of the people and got them consolidated at the parish and vicariate levels.

Now the Synodal celebrations start on 27-10-2019, October with the evening mass at 05.30 p.m. and end on 30-10-2019, Wednesday with lunch.

- ✓ For the inaugural mass and for the civic function on 27-10-2019, Sunday at our Cathedral, all

the Priests, religious and interested lay people are welcome.

- ✓ And from 28th October, morning onwards, only the Synodal members will come together at Petit Seminaire Primary School, Uppalam. The details of registration, transport and accommodation will be sent to the Synodal members directly.
- ✓ I do appreciate the Parish Priests who have elected / selected their parish Synodal members.
- ✓ Everyday the Synodal programme starts at 07.00 a.m. and ends at 08.00 p.m.
- ✓ The details were given in the last month's News Letter.
- ✓ In this Synod along with the Archbishop, excluding the resource persons, 283 members are participating.
- ✓ Our Christian life is evaluated under six headings with 12 Topics and each topic is animated by a resource person and moderated by another person.
- ✓ And the floor is given enough time to give their opinions. The six headings are
 1. Priest – Religious and Laity – Their life, ministry and services
 2. Word of God and Sacraments in the life of the Church
 3. Social life of the People

4. Political Life of the People
5. Educational Service of the Church
6. Administration of the Diocese

In the First Synod of Pondicherry, the discussion were under 3 topics:

1. Native Clergy
2. Christian life under which there were 8 sub topics i.e.

 - a. General Administration
 - b. Sacraments
 - c. Commandments of God and the Church
 - d. Missionaries
 - e. Catechists
 - f. Schools
 - g. Books
 - h. Specific Requirements in the Mission

3. Conversion of Non-Christians

In the First Synod 90 questions were discussed under three headings. Now in our Synod we have discussed 125 questions. And our sub topics are

- a. Priests and Religious
- b. Laity
- c. Parishes
- d. Word of God and Sacraments
- e. Evangelization
- f. Catechism
- g. Social Service

- h. Political Service
- i. Educational Service (2 sessions)
- j. Financial Administration
- k. General Administration (Temporal)

The list of the members are almost finalized and it is too long to publish it in this News Letter. The list will be published in the Synodal working document.

Second Synod of Pondicherry – 1849

This was convened in January 1849. Msgr. Clement Bonand along with 21 MEP Priests, 4 Indian Priests and three guest members of the MEP Congregation attended it. They were mainly discussing about the Spirituality, Theology and Pastoral details about Baptism and Marriage. They also wanted to revise the “practical book” which was written by Msgr. Hebert which was dealt about the Spiritual life of the missionaries and their apostolic work in their missions. We know that they started on 15th January 1849, but we do not know the day of its closure. That is why this Synod was not given much importance in the History.

So Dear members of the Third Synod of Pondicherry 2019, Kindly pray and get prepared for the great success of the Third Synod. The other members of the Church of Pondicherry are earnestly requested to pray for this intention now and at the time of the celebrations.

The following Committees were formed by the Core group and were approved by the Archbishop.

I. Reception Committee

- Rev. Fr. R. Pascal Raj, **Co-ordinator**
- Rev. Fr. A. Kulandai Yesuraja
- Rev. Sr. Susila, FSAG
- Rev. Sr. Tharia Sophia Rani, FIHM
- Rev. Sr. Meera, SJC

II. Minutes Committee

- Rev. Fr. A. Melchizedech, **Co-ordinator**
- Rev. Fr. L. Joseph Raj
- Rev. Fr. Raphael Raj, CMF
- Rev. Sr. Anitha, SJC
- Mr. Lourdusamy, Kunankurichy
- Mr. Raja Rathnam, Tagore Nagar
- Mrs. Clara, Mel-Sithamur
- Mr. Rajendiran, Vridhachalam

III. Drafting Committee

- Rev. Fr. Msgr. A. Arulanandam, **Co-ordinator**
- Rev. Fr. D. Alphonse
- Rev. Fr. R. Josephraj
- Rev. Fr. M. Swaminathan

Rev. Fr. A. Rayappan
Rev. Fr. L. A. Arul Pushpam

IV. Accommodation Committee

- Rev. Fr. J. M. Gregory Louis Joseph, **Co-ordinator**
- Rev. Fr. A. Kulandai Yesuraja
- Rev. Sr. Finian Mary Kurusammal, FIHM
- Rev. Sr. Bernard Lourdes, FIHM
- Mr. Rajendiran, Vridhachalam

V. Media and Communication

- Rev. Fr. R. Antony Joseph Jayanth Rayan
- Mr. S. Angalo Pinto
- Mr. A. Adaikalaraaj

VI. Food, Venue, Catering

Transport and Sound and Light

- Rev. Fr. R. Pascal Raj, Principal, Petit Seminaire HSS
- Rev. Fr. P. Lourdu Jeyaraj, Vice Principal, Petit Seminaire HSS and Petit Seminaire Staff

VII. Liturgy & Choir Committee

- Rev. Fr. P. A. Aruldas, Co-ordinator
- Rev. Fr. A. Wilson George
- Rev. Fr. L. Arokiadoss
- Rev. Fr. A. Kulandai Yesuraja
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Rev. Fr. A. Arokia John Robert

Rev. Fr. P. Lourdu Jeyaraj

VIII. Finance Committee

Rev. Fr. J. M. Gregory Louis Joseph

Mr. C. Joseph Juvenal and Team

IX Time Keeper

Rev. Fr. A. Devadoss

X Programme Management

Rev. Fr. A. J. Philomindoss, Synodal Secretary

Accommodation

- ❖ All the VF's, the Resource Persons, Moderators and some elderly Priests are accommodated in the Archbishop's House.
- ❖ The other Rev. Fathers and Brothers are accommodated in St. Xavier's Pastoral Centre, Uppalam.
- ❖ All the Rev. Sisters who have the houses their Congregations in Pondicherry are requested to go and stay there.
- ❖ The other Rev. Sisters who do not have their houses in Pondicherry, will be accommodated in the Immaculate Heart Generalate, Contact No.:0413-2334832, 0413-2337720
- ❖ All the women laity will be accommodated in the "Dheeba Oli" Convent and Working Women's Hostel at Uppalam, Colas Nagar.
- ❖ All the laity male members are accommodated in the Petit Seminaire Primary School.

Registration

On 27th evening by 04.00 p.m. – Registration of the Synodal Members.

- Priests and men & women religious at Petit Seinaire Hr. Sec. School,
- For Priests staying in the Pastoral Centre, can register at the Pastoral centre itself.
- The laity, both men and women will register at the Petit Seminaire Primary School
- Tea will be served at the respective places.
- Night supper for all the members wil be in the Petit Seinaire Hr. Sec. School

So Dear Fathers, Rev. Brothers and Rev. Sisters and dear Brothers and Sisters, if you have any doubt or if you want and informations regarding the Synod, Kindly contact me, Phone & Whatsapp No. 98423-33363, E-mail Id: fr_philo@yahoo.com

Fr. A. J. Philomindoss

Director and Synod Secretary

Report of the Archdiocesan Commission for Charismatic Renewal and

St. Avila Theresa Spiritual Centre, Ousteri, Puducherry.
[SEPTEMBER - 2019]

During the month of September, invited and arranged by the Parish Priests, Rectors, Directors and Superiors, we the **ACCR** conducted Regular and Feast Day Preaching, Prayer Meetings, Retreats, Night

Vigil, Anointing Sessions and Healing Adorations in the following Places and in our **SATSC**.

**REGULAR & FEASTDAY RETREAT MISSIONS,
ANOINTING & HEALING SESSIONS:**

1. **01.09.2019** – On **First Sunday**, we organized and conducted **Growth Retreat and Healing Adoration** at our **SATSC, Ousteri, Puducherry** from 10.00am to 2.30pm.
2. **07.09.2019** - We conducted **One day Feast Day Retreat at Our Lady of Good Health Shrine, Keezhmalai, Anaiyeri** parish from 10.00am to 5.00 pm.
3. **8.09.2019**- We Celebrated **Feast Day Anointing and Healing Mass** at **Our Lady of Good Health Shrine, Narasinganur** from 10.30 am to 1.00pm.
4. **15.09.2019** - We organized and conducted **Third Sunday Power Retreat and Anointing Adoration** at our **SATSC, Ousteri, Puducherry** from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
5. **21.09.2019** - We celebrated **Anointed Mass** and conducted **Healing Adoration** at **Nellikupam Parish** from 5.00pm to 9.00pm.
6. **22.09.2019** –In remembrance of the **Birthday of St. Mother Theresa**, the **M.C Sisters of Pondicherry** arranged a **Special Retreat** for the **LMC(Lay Missionaries of charity) Members** (around 50) at **SATSC, Ousteri**, conducted by our **ACCR**, from 9.30 am to 1.30pm.
7. **26.09.2019** - On the **Fourth Thursday**, we celebrated a **Special Novena Mass to the Holy Spirit** and Conducted a

Healing and Anointing Adoration at **Tagore Nagar** parish from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

8. **28.09.2019** - We conducted **New Moon Day (Amavasai) Night Prayer & Healing Adoration** at **Emmaus Spirituality Centre, Sithanangur** from 10.00 to 4.00pm.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Fr. K.A.Jesu

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Secretary, Charismatic
Renewal

Director, [SATSC] St. Avila Theresa
Spiritual Centre Ousteri, Pondicherry
Contact Number :

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Youth Commission Report for October -2019

- 1. Northern Zonal level Youth Directors Meet – Cheiyar**

We had one day Northern Zonal level youth directors meeting in Cheiyar (Vellore diocese). We discussed about the action plan for Year of Youth 2020.

- 2. Training program for YCS/ YSM Students and Guide teachers**

Tamil Nadu Regional Youth Commission conducted Leadership training program for YCS/YSM students leaders and animators in TamilNadu Laity Center, Thiruchirapalli on 24th-27th September, 2019. Two

students and two guide teachers were participated from Pondicherry diocese.

Upcoming Events:

1. National Youth Conference- 2019

National Youth Conference for this year will be organized from 13-17 October 2019 at CHAI Training Centre, Medchal, Secunderabad, Telungana.

2. National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Youth Convention - 'KAIROS 2019'

KAIROS 2019, the National Youth Convention in English scheduled to be held in Delhi at Jeevan Jyoti Ashram, Burari from Saturday 26th October to Tuesday 29th October 2019.

**Fr. A. Arputharaj,
Secretary,**

SC/ST COMMISION REPORT – OCTOBER 2019

Activities:

Artificial Jewels Skill Training Exhibition:

In collaboration with Kirubalaya Trust, Villupuram, our commission has organized one month Free Skill Training program in our Commission Office, Vikravandi. As its outcome

the The beneficiaries organized Artificial Jewels exhibition on 15th september 2019. I thank Sr. Juliet, CSST for their support in empowering the Dalit women.

Information:

TNBC- SC/ST Scholarship Applications:

Kindly send the filled SC/ST Scholarship forms for the year 2019-2020 with required documents to Archdiocesan office, Pondicherry (Mr. Pinto) or SC/ ST Commission office. (Vikravandi) on or before 20th October 2019.

New Coaching Centre for Poor Students:

In collaboration with Loyola Academy in vikravandi our diocesan commission is ready to guide and help Poor Dalit students for TNPSC,TRB, TET and CTET coaching. The interested students can contact our commission office for further informations.

**Fr. A. Arputharaj,
Secretary**



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SECOND BATCH RETREAT, SEP-2019

THANKING THE RETREAT PREACHER REV.FR. CHARREL



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REV. FR. A. LOUIS



REV. FR. A. BERCHIMANS



REV. FR. R. JOSEPH PAUL



EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH OCTOBER 1-31, 2019

"Baptized and sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World"

Oct 1. Look up a map of the world and see how far Israel is from India. Saint Thomas travelled more than 4000 km without a flight.	Oct 3. Clean your room without being asked.	Oct 4. Feast of St. Francis of Assisi : Pray for PEACE in the World	Oct 5. Make a Thank You note for a someone you are grateful for	Oct 6. Ask Mother Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, watch over the babies of the world.
Oct 8. Visit with an elderly grandparent or neighbour.	Oct 9. Pray for Pope Francis.	Oct 10. All day treat people with extra kindness.	Oct 11. Pray for families who struggle with sickness; that they find help.	Oct 12. Do an act of service in secret.
Oct 15. Write a letter to Saint Thomas thanking him for coming to India and enduring so much hardship for the love of Christ.	Oct 16. Pray a decade of rosary for the people of Oceania.	Oct 17. Pray for the children of Tanzania; that they get an education.	Oct 18. Pray to the Lord for our parish priest to help him fulfill his role in the church.	Oct 19. Write a letter to your Teacher letting them know how they've inspired you.
Oct 22. Listen to the song, "Set the World on Fire" by Britt Nicole.	Oct 23. Pray for the children of China; that they can practice their faith in freedom.	Oct 24. Help your sibling do a chore.	Oct 25. Pray for the missionaries who serve in Asia.	Oct 20. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
Oct 29. Pray for children who have to work instead of going to school.	Oct 30. Say a personal prayer, entrusting your vocation in life as an evangelizer into the hands of Mother Mary the first evangelizer.	Oct 31. Pray for our Bishop and for missions in our diocese – Sangli/Kothapur, Satara, Dhule, Jalgaon & Ahmednagar.	Oct 26. Pray for all religious men and women who serve as missionaries.	Oct 27. Pray a decade of rosary for the people of Africa.

OCTOBER is MISSION MONTH & the MONTH OF THE ROSARY! Take a few minutes each day to pray for children all over the World. WORLD MISSION MONTH! Each decade we pray for a part of the world. GREEN is for Africa, RED is for the Americans, WHITE is for Europe, YELLOW is for Asia and BLUE is for Oceania.

We acknowledge with gratitude the support of St. Thomas Church, Dapodi in making this Mission Monthly Planner.

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